(b) the number of recommendations sent to different Ministries, Departments and action taken on them during 1991-92 and 1992-93 ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) An expenditure of Rs. 60.59 lakhs and Rs. 53.52 lakhs was incurred on the Minorities Commission during 1991-92 and 1992-93 respectively :—

The details are given below :—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Items	1991-92	1992-93
1	2	3	4
1.	Salary	27.25	28.44
2.	Wages	1.71	1.43
3.	Travel Expenses	1.99	3.18
4.	O.T.A.	0.30	0.50
5.	Office Expenses	29.70	29.82
	Total	60.95	63.37

(b) Annual Reports of the Commission for 1991-92 and 1992-93 containing the recommendations have not been received by the Government so far.

Drug Abuse Problem among Labourers

2203. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have studied the problem of drug abuse among the labourers in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps Government propose to take to save workers from drug abuse ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) A study on the prevalence of drug abuse among various sections of society, including labourers has been conducted in 33 cities.

(b) The De-addiction, Counselling and After Care Centres functioning in the country provide counselling treatment and rehabilitation services to the drug addicts including the labourers who are addicted to drugs.

2204. [*Transferred to 12th May*, 1993]

Exploitation of Inmates of Orphanges and Remand Homes etc.

2205. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of rape cases of girl-children inmates of orphanges, remand homes, protection homes and observation homes etc. in different States during 1992-93; and

(b) whether any effective steps have been taken by the Central Government to protect such institutes against exploitation and abuse, if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected from the State Governments/UT Administrations and will be laid on the Table of the House.